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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PARAGUAY - LEON
BOUVIER

1. LEON MARCEL BOUVIER, BORN SEPTEMBER 28, 1923, HOLDS
A DIPLOMA FROM THE SPECIAL FREE FRENCH MILITARY SCHOOL
AND ENTERED ON DUTY WITH THE FREE FRENCH FORCES IN
NOVEMBER 1940. HE HOLDS THE DIPLOMATIC RANK OF COUNSE-
LOR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIRST CLASS.

2. BOUVIER BEGAN GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN THE FRENCH
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION IN MONTREAL IN 1945, AND WAS
ADMITTED TO THE SPECIAL COURSE FOR CONSULAR ATTACHES IN
NOVEMBER 1945. HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED AS CONSULAR
ATTACHE TO STOCKHOLM IN 1946, LATER TO INNSBRUCK IN
1946 WHERE HE ALSO SERVED AS VICE CONSUL 1947-1948.
HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO KARACHI AS EMBASSY ATTACHE
1948-1949, TO THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION 1949-1950, TO
BEIRUT AS EMBASSY ATTACHE 1951-1953, TO VANCOUVER AS
VICE-CONSUL 1953-1954, TO CHICAGO AS CONSULAR ATTACHE
1954-1956, TO HELSINKI AS VICE CONSUL 1956-1958, AND TO
THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION (CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL
AFFAIRS) 1958-1960. IN 1960 BOUVIER WAS ASSIGNED TO THE
CABINET OF MR. ROGER FREY WHEN MR. FREY SERVED IN THE
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PRIME MINISTER'S CABINET AND CONTINUED WITH FREY WHEN HE
WAS NAMED MINISTER OF INTERIOR. BOUVIER WAS THEN ASSIGNED
TO STOCKHOLM AS FIRST SECRETARY 1962-1966, AND TO BERLIN
AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN THE FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNMENT
1966-1970. IN 1970 HE RETURNED TO WORK IN THE CABINET
OF MR. PERETTI AT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEM-
BLY. DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1971-1972, HE AUDITED

COURSES AT THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED NATIONAL DEFENSE STUDIES. BOUVIER HAS SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN SINCE 1972.

3. BOUVIER HOLDS SEVERAL MILITARY AWARDS AND RECEIVED HIS COMMANDER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR (MILITARY) IN 1961.
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